Foodgrain Export Target

*737. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the target of foodgrain exports has since been achieved during the last one year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the countries to which foodgrains were exported, as well as its value and quantum;

(d) whether some countries have rejected the foodgrains on the ground of being sub-standard;

(e) if so, the facts thereof; and

(f) the impact of foodgrain export on indigenous supply and demand?

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHANTA KUMAR): (a) to (c) During the last financial year i.e., 2001-2002, 50 lakh MTs of wheat and 30 lakh MTs of rice were offered for export from the Central Pool. Against this, 38.08 lakh MTs of wheat and 19.87 lakh MTs of rice were lifted by exporters as per information presently available.

The decision to permit FCI to offer wheat from the Central Pool for the purpose of export was taken in November, 2000. The quantity of wheat lifted for export upto 30.4.2002 was 60.91 lakh MTs. From 1.4.2001 to 30.4.2002, 25.19 lakh MTs of rice was lifted by exporters from the Central Pool. The total value of wheat and rice so lifted is Rs. 4063 crores approximately.

The list of countries to which wheat and rice have been exported is at Statement (*See* below).

(d) and (e) Four shipments of wheat sent by three private parties were rejected by the Grain Board of Iraq for containing inorganic matter, although these conformed to the internationally accepted CODEX Standards. The quantity involved was 74,018 MTs. These shipments were diverted to other countries.

(f) Since the foodgrains being exported are out of the excess stocks in the Central Pool, it does not affect the domestic demand and supply of foodgrains.

Statement

Countries to which Wheat and Rice have been exported

Wheat	Rice
Bangladesh	Baharin
Egypt	Bangladesh
Indonesia	Comoros
Kuwait	Daman
Malaysia	Dubai
Myanmar	Ethiopia
Oman/Dubai	Indonesia
Phillipines	Iraq
Qatar	Ivory Coast
Russia	Kenya
Singapore	Kuwait
South Korea	Malaysia
Sri Lanka	Maputo
Sudan	Mozambique
Taiwan	Nigeria
Thailand	Phillipines
UAE/Sharjah	Singapore
Vietnam	Somalia
Yeman	South Africa
West Africa	Sri Lanka
	Tanzania
	UAE/Sharjah
	West Africa
	Yeman